

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am

*FAMILY MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am to 10.30am



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### MASS TIMES

Wednesday & Friday 10:00am

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)

8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way)

Sunday 9am (English)

10:30am (Italian)

*FAMILY MASS – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:15pm

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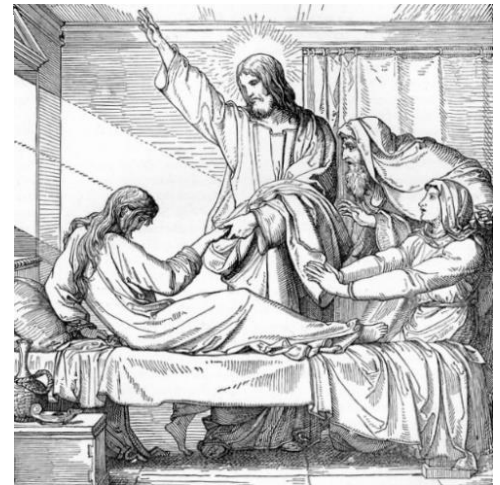
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## SACRED SPACE

**Welcome back!** Our Sacred Space for 2024 opens up with the gospel of Mark and the urgency by which Jesus, in his daily ministry, is curing all those that come to him. In the time of Jesus, anything from a crippling disease to a fever was considered a cause of an evil spirit. Thanks to the medical advancements to date, we know that this is not the case...or do we? We still sometimes here it said in passing today that an illness or difficulty in our life is seen as something God sends to punish us. The gospel today presents to us the God of healing, one who does not afflict, but cures. Christ's ministry on earth was the very teaching of this.

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law was, in some ways, unlike the healing of all the others. Done in the privacy of Peter's home, there is no mention of evil spirits, in fact no words uttered by Jesus at all, just the action of taking her by the hand and leading her to stand up and be well again. Other's healed by Jesus in one way or another are not recorded here, simply mentioned, and we know not what reaction the healing produced in them. We are told, however, the immediate reaction of Peter's mother-in-law; she got up and served her guests.



Where Christ touches us, that is where we serve others best, because it is no longer a duty but a desire. Being at the service of others is a must from the greatest to the least of us, but it is not easy to place the wants and needs of others before our own. When we have been touched by Christ, in other words, when we have truly understood our sins and recognised the loving sacrifice that Christ has made for us personally, than being at the service of others is not only easy, but natural.

We are nearing the end of the Ordinary Time of the Church Calendar and will be entering into Lent, and as such we are called now to consider where we want our Lenten journey to take us. If today's gospel has served as a reminder of where we may lack in our service to others, then it has served us well. To humbly accept the message is to journey through Lent well, to reject the message is to keep us where we are. But is that really where we want to remain?

## Start-of-school Masses

### CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

St Oliver Plunkett Primary will be celebrating their Beginning-of-Year mass at 9:15am this Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Parishioners are invited to attend this mass in place of the usual 10am this week only.

Likewise, St Paul's Primary will be celebrating their Beginning-of-Year mass at 9:15am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Again, parishioners are invited to attend this mass in place of the usual 10am this week only.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Mass Times for Ash Wednesday will be as follows:

Usual 10am Mass at St Paul's, Coburg, and 7pm for St Oliver Plunkett's, Pascoe Vale.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of  
good will. We praise you, we bless  
you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten  
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Job 7:1-4,6-7*

*A Reading from the book of Job*

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on  
earth nothing more than pressed  
service, his time no better than hired  
drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the  
shade, or the workman with no thought  
but his wages, months of delusion I have  
assigned to me, nothing for my own but  
nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder,  
'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How  
slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret  
till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's  
shuttle my days have passed, and  
vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see  
joy.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 146:1-6. Rv3*

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the  
broken-hearted.**

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. R.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. R.

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be  
measured. The Lord raises the  
lowly; he humbles the wicked to  
the dust. R

## SECOND READING *1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,  
since it is a duty which has been laid on  
me; I should be punished if I did not  
preach it! If I had chosen this work  
myself, I might have been paid for it, but  
as I have not, it is a responsibility which  
has been put into my hands. Do you  
know what my reward is? It is this: in my  
preaching, to be able to offer the Good  
News free, and not insist on the rights  
which the gospel gives me. So though I  
am not a slave of any man I have made  
myself the slave of everyone so as to  
win as many as I could. For the weak I  
made myself weak. I made myself all  
things to all men in order to save some  
at any cost; and I still do this, for the  
sake of the gospel, to have a share in its  
blessings.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Matt 8:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:29-39*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went  
with James and John straight to the  
house of Simon and Andrew. Now  
Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed  
with fever, and they told him about her  
straightaway. He went to her, took her  
by the hand and helped her up. And the  
fever left her and she began to wait on  
them. That evening, after sunset, they  
brought to him all who were sick and  
those who were possessed by devils.  
The whole town came crowding round  
the door, and he cured many who were  
suffering from diseases of one kind or  
another; he also cast out many devils,  
but he would not allow them to speak,  
because they knew who he was. In the  
morning, long before dawn, he got up

and left the house, and went off to a  
lonely place and prayed there. Simon  
and his companions set out in search of  
him, and when they found him they  
said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He  
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the  
neighbouring country towns, so that I  
can preach there too, because that is  
why I came.' And he went all through  
Galilee, preaching in their synagogues  
and casting out devils.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

## CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
*(All bow during these two lines)*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that  
we may love you more. Bless us in ways  
that you know best and form us into a  
true community of worship and love.  
Deepen our understanding of your  
message today. Give us especially your  
spirit of love, so that it may touch all  
people with whom we come into  
contact. Encircle our families with your  
loving care and assist parents in their  
role as leaders in faith. To the sick grant  
health, to the aged bring serenity and  
peace, and to those in sadness joy. May  
we grow stronger in faith and our love  
for one another become deeper in our  
daily living.  
Amen.

## ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Those who have died:** Serafina Nespola

**Anniversaries:** Liliana Calleja, Roberto Santiago, Joe Minutolo and Modesta Wilkin.

**Those who are ill:** Betty Galladh, Maria Troise, Mary Mobbs, Marjorie Del Rosario, John Busuttil, Tina Guido, Genevieve Stannard, Anthony Xavier, Dean Ross, Windsor Jones, John Moore, Marie Virag, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero & Francesco Varone, Jessica Ngo

### READERS: 3/4 February

**Sat 5.00pm** V. Pertile(L), R.Paligaru(R)

**Sun 8.45am** M. Tamayo(L), C. D'Orazio(L)

**10.30am** L. Verduci (L), B. Watts (R)

### 10/11 February

A. Taglieri(L), T. Ryan(R)

B. Messina(L), F. Minutolo(R)

T. Baltatzis(L), S. Harrison(R)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

**Sat 5.00pm** L. Teoh

**Sun 8.45am** J. Mokbel

**10.30am** N. Palmieri

P. Saliba

M. Carabott

R. Polastri

## ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Those who have died:** Teresa Sindoni, Bardhok Prenga and Vincenza Raiti.

**Anniversaries:** Joe Minutolo, Alessandro Costa, Matteo De Carli and Raymunda Pela Cruz De Jesus.

**Those who are ill:** Rachel Inguanti, Rosa Strangis & Maria Spagnolo, Jessica Ngo

### READERS:

#### This Week

#### Next Week

Sat 6.30pm

Marie & Peter

Phil Scardilli

Sun 9.00am

Angela Greig &

Loretta & Mia

Warren Power

Stibilj

10.30am

Rosa Oppendisano &

Sam Stagliano &

Anna D'Amato

T/M Costanzo

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 6.30pm

Mary De Marco

Alfred Meilak

Sun 9.00am

Rose Touma

Patrick Baviera

10.30am

Giuseppe Schivello

Sam Stagliano

## READERS & MINISTERS FOR 2024

Readers & Special Ministers Rosters have been emailed to parishioners, and printed copies can be found in the sacristy. Email the parish office if you have not received one, and we will reply with a copy.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2024 – VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Parishioner, Emily, is happy to continue leading the Children's Liturgy Masses on the first Sunday of each month for 2024. For this we are all very grateful. We are asking now for a volunteer to assist Emily during Children's Liturgy. No qualifications or experience necessary! The Children's liturgy is an informal and friendly gathering of the children at mass in order to share the gospel experience. If you are someone who attends Sunday 10:30 mass regularly and can assist once a month in this program, please contact Leanne at the office by phone or email.

**On a separate note for Children's Liturgy**, just a friendly reminder to all families that only school-aged children can attend the sessions. As the sessions are liturgy based, the volunteer has no way to pay attention to pre-schooled children who require constant monitoring. This also applies to school-aged children who have siblings, who cannot be properly engaged in the session with distractions of a younger sibling. Please understand there cannot be any exception to this rule. We thank you for your cooperation.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Vincent De Paul are asking for more volunteers to join the team at Pascoe Vale. They do a marvellous job in providing all kinds of help to anyone who reaches out, but there is always need for more helpers. If you are able and would like to join this amazing team, please contact the office.

## 5PM MASS ROSARY

Rosary prior to the weekend 5pm mass has restarted at St Oliver Plunkett's. 4:35pm is the aim for starting time. All are very welcome.

## 2024 ROSTER PRINTS

All volunteers are welcome to take a printed copy of the 2024 rosters for Readers and Ministers, located in the Sacristy.

## 2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

There will a meeting held in the coming weeks with the Sunday-School catechists and myself to establish what the 2024 Sacramental program will look like. It would be a help for us to know which families outside of Catholic schools are due to have their children receive sacraments this year, so if you are one of those families, or know of another family you can inform, please phone or email Leanne at the parish office to be added to the contact list. All School-aged children are welcome to join.

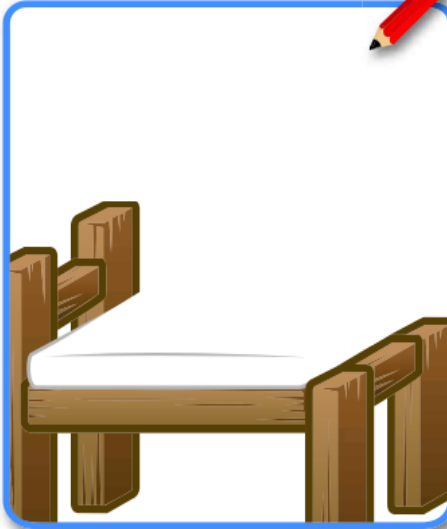


# Jesus is the Good News

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



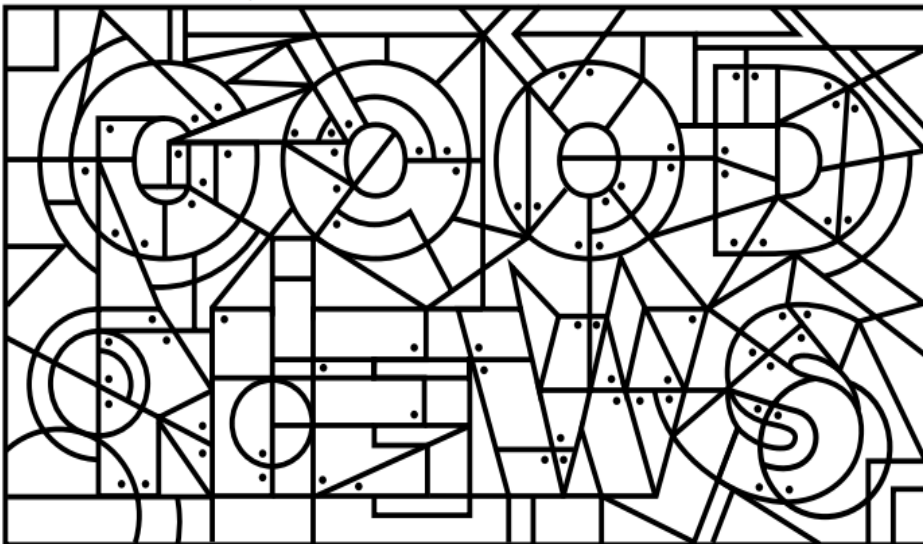
Draw Jesus healing Simon's sick mother-in-law



Jesus went away to be alone and pray. Where are some places that you pray?

Four purple-outlined boxes for writing answers.

Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



Mk 1:29-39

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 CDFPay for Parish:  
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 St Olivers Church A/C:  
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 Presbytery A/C:  
**BSB: 083-347 ACC: 53102 0158**

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:**  
**Collection** Thanksgiving \$ 1,641.80  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 600.00  
 We are very grateful for your support.

**CASHLESS PAYMENTS** St Paul's  
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**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Sacrificial \$ 1009.00  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Presbytery \$ 349.20  
 We are very grateful for your support.

**Safety of Children & all Vulnerable People.** We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people, as a central and fundamental responsibility, of our parishes. The Parish Statement of Commitment and the Reporting Process, are on display in all churches, and all Parish Policies are available, on the website: [cam.org.au/Coburg](http://cam.org.au/Coburg)

## PROGRAMS

### ST PAULS PARISH

#### ADORATION:

First Fri of month: 10.30am-12pm

#### BAPTISMS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the Month at 12pm

#### COMMUNION TO SICK:

Thursdays & Fridays

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

2 times a year (Lent & Advent).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sundays 10am

**ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP:** Wed 10.30 am

**Legion of Mary:** Monday mornings at 10.30.

#### ANNUAL ITALIAN FEASTS: 2023/24

St Lucy Feast Day 10 Dec 2023 2pm

St Joseph Feast Day 17 Mar 2024 2pm

### ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PARISH

#### BAPTISMS:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of the Month at 12pm

(By Appointment)

#### MARRIAGES:

By appointment with at least

6 months notice

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the 10.30am Mass (except during school holidays)

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES: MONDAY:

**Christian Mediation- Chris Rowland**

7-8pm Parish Centre – 0411 440 746

**TUESDAY: Italian Ladies Prayer Group**

10am Meeting Room

**St Vincent de Paul**

5.00pm Parish Centre

(last Tuesday of the month)

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

7.30pm Parish Centre

#### WEDNESDAY:

**Drop-In Centre**

1-3pm Church/Parish Centre

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: [Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1](#)

Gospel: [Mark 1:40-45](#)

#### A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

Are you new to our Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

Need Thanksgiving envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_

Would like a home visit and house blessing? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To existing parishioners: if you would like to contribute on a regular basis using the envelopes, please complete the above. Thank you.